

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Jennifer Michelle Kirkland,)	Civil Action No.: 2:19-3277-BHH
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	<u>ORDER</u>
)	
Andrew M. Saul,)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff Jennifer Michelle Kirkland's ("Plaintiff") complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), seeking judicial review of the Commissioner of Social Security's final decision, which denied Plaintiff's claim for disability insurance benefits. The record includes the report and recommendation ("Report") of a United States Magistrate Judge, which was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(a) (D.S.C.). In the Report, which was filed on January 25, 2021, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court remand the case to the Commissioner for further proceedings as set forth in the Report. In a notice filed on February 8, 2021, Defendant informed the Court that he will not be filing objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to the Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination only of those portions of the Report to which specific objections are made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole

or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of specific objections, the Court reviews the matter only for clear error. See *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’”) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

Here, because no objections were filed, the Court has reviewed the record, the applicable law, and the findings and recommendations of the Magistrate Judge for clear error. Finding none, the Court hereby adopts and incorporates the Report (ECF No. 16). Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security is reversed and remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings as set forth in the Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Bruce H. Hendricks
Bruce Howe Hendricks
United States District Judge

February 9, 2021
Charleston, South Carolina